

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Govt Reshuffle

THE reasons which prompted Sir Anthony Eden to make such sweeping ministerial changes as those announced yesterday will probably remain a secret shared by himself and his closest parliamentary associates. He is credited with desiring to "streamline" his government, but what that really means is open to speculation.

The Prime Minister has not notably ousting age for youth. Lord Woolton is the only one of the six resigning ministers who can properly be described as elderly. The ages of the others range from 46 to 64, whereas those of their successors are from 42 to 64.

This suggests that Sir Anthony's "streamlining" is designed to fill all of the more responsible ministerial offices with the most capable men at his disposal. The men who have resigned have served the country with distinction, but possibly without quite measuring up to the Prime Minister's exacting standards.

WHILE the Cabinet and other ministerial shake-up is interesting, it does no portend any drastic changes in the government's policies. Mr Butler may have made himself unpopular with his two small doses of austerity, but he has not been removed of the Treasury portfolio because of that. Mr Macmillan may not have scored any spectacular achievements as Foreign Secretary, but again that is not the reason for his transfer to the Treasury.

What does appear to be obvious is that Sir Anthony Eden desires to ensure himself of a fully qualified and acceptable successor should unforeseen circumstances render his office vacant. He has decided to groom Mr Butler to this end, and Mr Butler's exit as Chancellor of the Exchequer automatically involves considerable reshuffling of the Cabinet.

Mr Macmillan's talents for the Chancellorship are to the public unknown, but his outstanding parliamentary career provides an impressive testimonial. His orthodoxy will have a big appeal to the businessmen of the country.

THE appointment of Mr Selwyn Lloyd as Foreign Secretary is particularly interesting. Everything points to his becoming a tremendous success in this high office. His experience as chief British delegate to the United Nations provided splendid training in diplomacy and having served in the Foreign Office as Minister of State he is well acquainted with the intricacies and nuances of British foreign policy. Mr Lloyd is capable of raising even higher the prestige of Britain in the field of international affairs.

The indications are that the changes which the Prime Minister has effected will reinvigorate the government; that probably in certain ministries there will be more initiative and drive. There is nothing panicky about the Cabinet reshuffle, and no reason to think that any of the top ministerial offices have been weakened by the introduction of new personnel.

GRAVE ALGERIAN SITUATION

Bloodshed And Destruction

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Search For Man Who Parachuted

Washington, Dec. 21. The search continued today for a United States army sergeant, John Horan, who parachuted from a spinning plane while on his way to greet his Japanese wife and three children who arrived yesterday from the Orient.

A commercial air line pilot today reported sighting a fire in a snow-battered 7,000-foot ridge in the Cascades, near where Sergeant Horan jumped from the plane which later landed safely.

His wife, Mrs Teruko Horan, said she wanted to go to S. Horan's home in Massachusetts to join her husband's family as soon as possible. They had planned a Christmas party to greet them.—Reuter.

Landslide Disaster

Bogota, Dec. 21. Between 14 and 20 persons were reported today to have been buried alive by a big landslide in the mountains near Aranzazu, Caudas Department.

The landslide was said to have been caused by floods of the Chamber River in the wake of torrential rains.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

Causeway Bay Squatter Fire

A fire destroyed 30 squatter huts on a hill about 350 feet above Tin Hau Temple West, Causeway Bay today.

About 150 people were made homeless. There were no known casualties.

The fire started at about 12.40 p.m. and was brought under control at 1.15 p.m. Three fire engines under the direction of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, Mr W. J. Gorman, fought the fire.

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The congressman, Mr Michael Feighan (Democrat, Ohio) has recently completed a seven-week inspection trip of the Far East on behalf of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, during which he looked into the administration of the United States refugee programme in that area.

He called the movement of the 5,800 "White Russians" through Hongkong a "breach of security" which opened nations of the free world to Communist infiltration.

"Over 5,800 so-called 'White Russian' refugees have passed through Hongkong from the Communist south of the free world without having any security check whatever made on them," Mr Feighan said.

"These so-called refugees have travelled under the auspices of the inter-governmental committee for European migration and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees."

"Funds for the movement of these individuals have come from United States public funds through the United States escape programme."—Reuter.

Gen. De Castries Injured

Melun, Dec. 21. General Christian de Castries, commander of the fallen French bastion of Dien Bien Phu in the Indo-China war, was injured in an automobile accident south of Paris tonight.

General de Castries, who received head injuries and his wife, who received head and rib injuries, were reported out of danger. A young soldier, who was driving was also injured.

The accident occurred when the general's car collided with the back of a truck going in the same direction.—France-Press.

Catapult-Carrying Boy To Be Caned

Nicosia, Dec. 21. A 16-year-old Cypriot Greek boy was today sentenced to six strokes with a light cane for having a catapult in his possession on December 11. The boy, Sotiris Demosthenous, was given his sentence by a Nicosia court under the Cyprus emergency regulations.

At Limassol, the magistrate released without charge, a Greek Cypriot priest, Papastilianos Surmelis, who was remanded in custody a week ago, pending police investigations.

He was arrested on December 15 by British troops, who alleged that he had been carrying a catapult and a bomb and that he was trying to overthrow the Cyprus government by armed force.

At Larnaca, crowds cheered a procession of women, mostly relatives of Communists, traders arrested by the British last week, who paraded the streets with placards inscribed: "We want our husbands."

The women presented the British Commissioner of Larnaca with a petition for the release of their menfolk.

Elsewhere, in the coastal area near Xero, west of Nicosia, British troops destroyed 10 Greek huts, confiscating their contents and all the furniture.

ANXIETY IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 21. Fifty-two people have died over the past 24 hours in Algeria in a new wave of bloodshed and destruction sweeping the French territory, reports in Paris said today.

Algerian rebels are waging warfare in support of demands for Home Rule similar to that granted to Tunisia and Morocco. Successive French governments have rejected the demands on grounds that Algeria is an integral part of France.

Most of the 350,000 troops that France has in North Africa are on duty in Algeria. About 1,400 reinforcements landed yesterday at Pons, but Algeria still has only a fraction of the men requested by M. Jacques Soustelle, the Governor-General, to maintain order.

The new wave of violence is centred in the northeast, adjoining Pakistan, where 40 rebels have been killed in the past 24 hours by security forces. Outlaws murdered 25 Algerians in the mountain town of Tennesa.

Rebels have continued warfare against isolated farms. In one raid, they fired the tractors and a harvesting machine and made off with more than three hundred head of livestock.

A Paris newspaper reported that rebels have sent a "monstrous ultimatum" to all Algerian representatives—Deputies in the French Assembly, mayors and local councillors—to resign by January 2.

January 2 is the date of the French January elections in which Algeria, as part of metropolitan France, was due to take part. The French government, however, postponed the Algerian vote until a later date because of circumstances outside the control of the French authorities.

MINISTERS MEET

M. Edgar Faure, the French Prime Minister, and several members of his Cabinet interrupted their electioneering to day for a ministerial meeting to discuss what to do about the worsening situation in Algeria.

The Defence Minister and other officials concerned attended the meeting. No communiqué was issued afterwards. A government spokesman said the meeting was "purely routine."

The National Defence Commission of the Senate also met today and passed a resolution "drawing attention to the dangers of a new war in Algeria." It urged full powers for the military authorities there.

MAJOR ISSUES

A government call for more troop reinforcements for Algeria and growing activity by armed rebels there are emerging as major issues in the French election campaign.

Newspapers supporting M. Pierre Mendes-France in the Republican Front alliance with the Socialists give great prominence to news of fighting in Algeria while those which support the centre right groups of M. Edgar Faure and M. Antoine Pinay play it down and put news from Algeria on inside pages.

M. Mendes-France has called for a revision of France's policy on Algeria where most of the French North African troops are stationed, and more reinforcements are being sought by military authorities fighting terrorism.

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What Comet IV Will Do

London, Dec. 21. The De Havilland Aircraft Company, whose Comet III jet airliner is due back in England tomorrow after its world-tour, today gave some details on its eventual successor, the "Comet IV," which will go into service with the British Overseas Airways Corporation in 1959.

The Rolls-Royce Avon RA 29 engine will have a thrust of 10,500 pounds instead of the Comet III's 10,000 pounds, with a smaller fuel consumption.

The plane will be able to carry 60 first-class passengers on a non-stop run of a little over 3,000 miles or 70 second class passengers over a non-stop run of nearly 2,700 miles, at a cruising speed of approximately 503 miles per hour.

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BROTHER KILLS BROTHER

Habs, Dec. 21. The son of a local chieftain in western Morocco was killed by his own brother last night, official sources disclosed today.

The victim was the son of a local chieftain in the Oued-Zen region. The incident took place at the Châli's home near Boujad, in the Oued-Zen area. No details were immediately available. Earlier reports said the Châli's son had been killed in an attack by unknown assailants.—France-Press.

GUILTY OF AIDING THE ENEMY

Washington, Dec. 21. Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Liles was today found guilty by a Port Louis court-martial of having aided the enemy while a prisoner-of-war in North Korea. Liles had made propaganda recordings.

The court-martial found Liles not guilty "on counts of lacking national loyalty, trying to indoctrinate his fellow prisoners, and belonging to a 'peace committee.'"

Colonel Liles was deprived of two years' seniority.

He was the 12th American soldier to be tried for collaboration with the enemy since the end of the Korean war. Nine of these—including three officers—were found guilty.—France-Press.

ISRAEL BRANDED

United Nations, Dec. 21. General Edson Burns, United Nations truce observer in Palestine, said tonight that Israel's attack on Syrian territory on December 11/12 was a deliberate violation of the Israel-Arab armistice convention of 1949.

General Burns said in a report to the Security Council that Israel, forces violated the armistice agreement by crossing the demilitarized zone to enter Syria. He suggested to prevent further incidents, that:

1. Israeli patrol boats remain a certain distance from the Syrian shore.
2. Israel to allow Syrians to water their cattle in the Sea of Galilee.
3. Syrian authorities to request fishing permits from Israel.
4. The two countries to exchange prisoners.—France-Press.

Aid For Jordan Move By Arab Nations

Damascus, Dec. 21. Egypt and Saudi Arabia have agreed to offer Jordan aid equal to the British grant in aid she now receives yearly, it was learned in semi-official circles here today.

The purpose of such aid would be to enable Jordan to disperse with British financial help which is regarded in political circles here as a means of keeping her within the British sphere of influence.

It was understood that the Syrian Cabinet which held an urgent meeting today approved the proposed aid, which may still be the subject of further talks on detail between the prime ministers of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Jordan is a member of the sterling area of which Britain is the banker. Britain last year gave Jordan financial aid totalling two million five hundred thousand sterling.

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Another Grandchild For Ike

Washington, Dec. 21. Mrs John Eisenhower, daughter-in-law of President Eisenhower, today gave birth to a baby girl. It was the fourth child born to Mrs Eisenhower and Major John Eisenhower, the President's son.

The President and Mrs Eisenhower returned here from the temporary White House in Gettysburg yesterday to be on hand for the birth.—France-Press.

Christmas Begins For The Royal Children

London, Dec. 21. The Queen's children, Prince Charles, 7, and Princess Anne, 5, began the Christmas season officially yesterday with a party from 40 of their young friends at Buckingham Palace.

One of the semi-state rooms was decorated with evergreens and holly and a Christmas tree stood in one corner loaded with presents for the small guests.

The invited were mostly dancing school friends of the royal children, plus several youngsters from Prince Charles's gymnasium class and children of members of the royal household.

Prince Richard, one-year-old son of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, was also present but his older brother, William, is at home recovering from chicken pox.

The Queen hired a ventriloquist to amuse the children, and joined in the party fun herself. Tomorrow the Queen will pick her family off to her country mansion, Sandringham House, to spend the Christmas holidays.—Reuter.

Poison Attempt On Police Chief

London, Dec. 21. The Ulster police today revealed that "unknown persons" had last Saturday tried to poison the Ulster Police Inspector-General, Sir Richard Pim, by sending him Christmas tarts containing cyanide.

A police communique said Sir Pim had been suspicious of the anonymous gift and had the tarts analyzed. Later, Lady Pim received an anonymous telephone call, congratulating her that she had not eaten the tarts.


The police warned people to beware of packages received from unknown senders. The poison tarts were generally believed to have come from southern Irish extremists.—France-Press.

HONOURS FOR EX-MINISTERS

London, Dec. 21. Further honours were conferred today on British government ministers who resigned office in Sir Anthony Eden's big reconstruction of his administration last night.

Queen Elizabeth has granted baronetcies (hereditary knight-hoods) to Mr L. D. Gammons, formerly Assistant Postmaster General; the Honourable Lancelot Joynton-Hicks, who was Parliamentary Secretary at the Fuel and Power Ministry; and Brigadier J. G. Smyth, who was Joint Parliamentary Secretary of the Pensions and National Insurance Ministry.—Reuter.

Here're the Wonder-Working



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Red Interference In West Mediterranean Next Year

Washington, Dec. 21.

The reported remarks of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, to the Italian Ambassador in Moscow, Signor Mario di Stefano, that the population of Malta was largely Italian was seen by officials here as further evidence of Soviet intentions next year to interfere in Western Mediterranean affairs.

Feudal Customs Survived

Moscow, Dec. 21.
A youth in Kazakhstan Province has just been sentenced to five years imprisonment on a charge of polygamy, infidelity and driving one of his three wives to suicide, a Communist Party newspaper reported today.

The youth, Kazakhe Ibrahimov, was also sentenced to loss of all civil rights for a period of three years.

The newspaper said the case showed the "survival of feudal customs." — France-Press.

The officials considered the Italian Government has no intention of claiming Malta as part of Italy, and probably Mr Molotov is well aware of this.

Anti-British

But they believed his intention was to start anti-British agitation by the Italian Communist and fellow-travelling Socialist parties further to embarrass NATO members.

They said that this year Soviet Russia penetrated into the Eastern Mediterranean through agreements with Egypt and propaganda efforts in Syria and elsewhere, to stir up trouble.

They also believed that Soviet Russia is now trying to get the recently-banned Communist Party in Cyprus to take over from Archbishop Makarios the agitation in that island for self-determination.

Early in 1956, the officials expected, Soviet Russia will open an Embassy in Libya.

Heavily Loaded

This Embassy, which has been officially announced, presumably will be heavily loaded with propaganda aimed at causing trouble in Tunisia and through the Fezzan oases in the south of Tunisia, to penetrate into Central Africa, officials here said.

The next step, they believe, will be to set up a Soviet legation in Tangier which would be the focal point for Communist propaganda in French and Spanish Morocco, and possibly even in Spain itself. — United Press.

Bonn, Dec. 21.
West Germany will name its first Ambassador to Moscow soon after new year, informed sources predicted today.

A Bonn Government spokesman announced the appointment would be made "in the very near future." — United Press.

Churchill Going To Germany

Bonn, Dec. 21.
Sir Winston Churchill will come to Germany on May 10, 1956, to receive the Karl Prize of the City of Aachen, the Bonn Government announced today.

The Prize is awarded annually by the ancient city to prominent Europeans for their services to the cause of European unity.

Others who have received it include Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, former Premier Robert Schuman of France, the Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak, Jean Monnet, former head of the Schuman "Iron coal-steel pool, and the late Alcide de Gasperi.

Sir Winston was awarded the Prize earlier this year but was not well enough to come to Aachen to receive it. — United Press.

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Preparing For Winter Games

Believed to be the youngest competitors ever to represent Britain in the Olympic Winter Games are Carolyn Kraus, 12, and Rodney Ward, 14. They are the 1955 junior pairs champions and runners-up in the British figure skating championships. They will compete at the Winter Olympics in Italy next month. — Central Press Photo.

POUJADISTS STOP CATHOLIC RALLY

Paris, Dec. 21.

Pierre Poujade's rowdy "commandos" forced the Catholic Popular Republicans (MRP) to cancel their election rallies in Central France today.

Undaunted by a stink bomb tossed at their leader, Poujade's tough supporters swept through the campaign for the January 2 elections, throwing insults and eggs in their battle against the Fourth Republic.

The Secretary for Economic Affairs, Pierre Abelin, charged that his MRP Party had called off the meetings in the Vienna Department because its candidates were roughed up by Poujadists.

He charged: "The Communists have issued instructions not to attack the Poujade movement and to benefit from its excesses."

Sore Throat

Today, reports from all over France spoke of new Poujadist violence at meetings of candidates for the January 2 National Assembly elections.

Poujade himself nursed his sore throat by taking sulphur inhalations at his electoral headquarters in Ablon, 18 miles from Paris.

The 35-year-old, broad-chested "chief" of the Union for Defence of Shopkeepers and Artisans (UDCA) held three hour-long meetings in the capital's suburbs last night.

Again his main theme was a surgical attack against the "rotten regime" and the outgoing deputies whom he called "France's grave diggers." — United Press.

Pakistan Offer To Marshall

Karachi, Dec. 21.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Mr. Chowdhury today told Mr. David Marshall, Singapore's Chief Minister that Pakistan would be prepared to provide technical training facilities to students from Singapore, an informed source said.

The offer was made when Mr. Marshall called on Mr. Chowdhury today.

During a one-hour talk they talked on "matters of mutual interest" and on Singapore's political problems with reference to Mr. Marshall's talks in London. — Reuter.

Coloured Film Of Flying Saucers?

London, Dec. 21.

A coloured film has been shown in London to astronomical and aeronautical experts in an attempt to determine whether two objects sighted and filmed 18 months ago over Norway were flying saucers.

The film was taken on a plane some 17,000 feet in the air between Oslo and Stavanger at the time of the total eclipse of the sun. The only unique feature of the film is two luminous objects which streak across the screen in a tenth of a second.

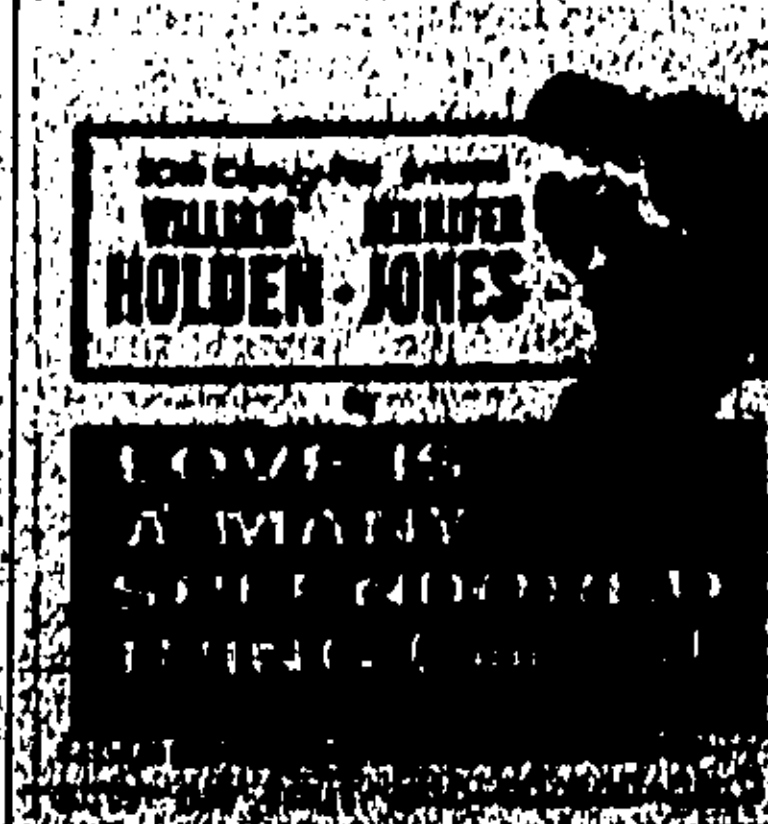
A member of the Swedish Travel Agency in London, Ernest Graham, who was on the plane at the time the film was made, declared that two brilliant, probably metallic objects were observed some 15 to 18 miles from the plane for about half a minute. He said the objects looked like disks and were making circular movements.

Mr. Arthur C. Clarke, former President of the British Interplanetary Society, said the film was of interest, but it did not prove anything. On the other hand, former Air Marshal Lord Dowding, declared that he believed the objects were flying saucers. — France-Press.

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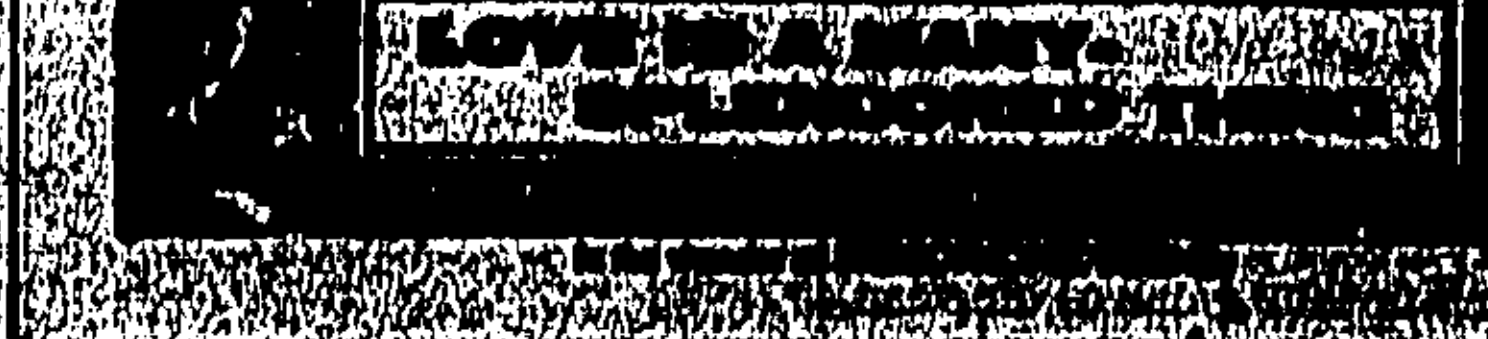
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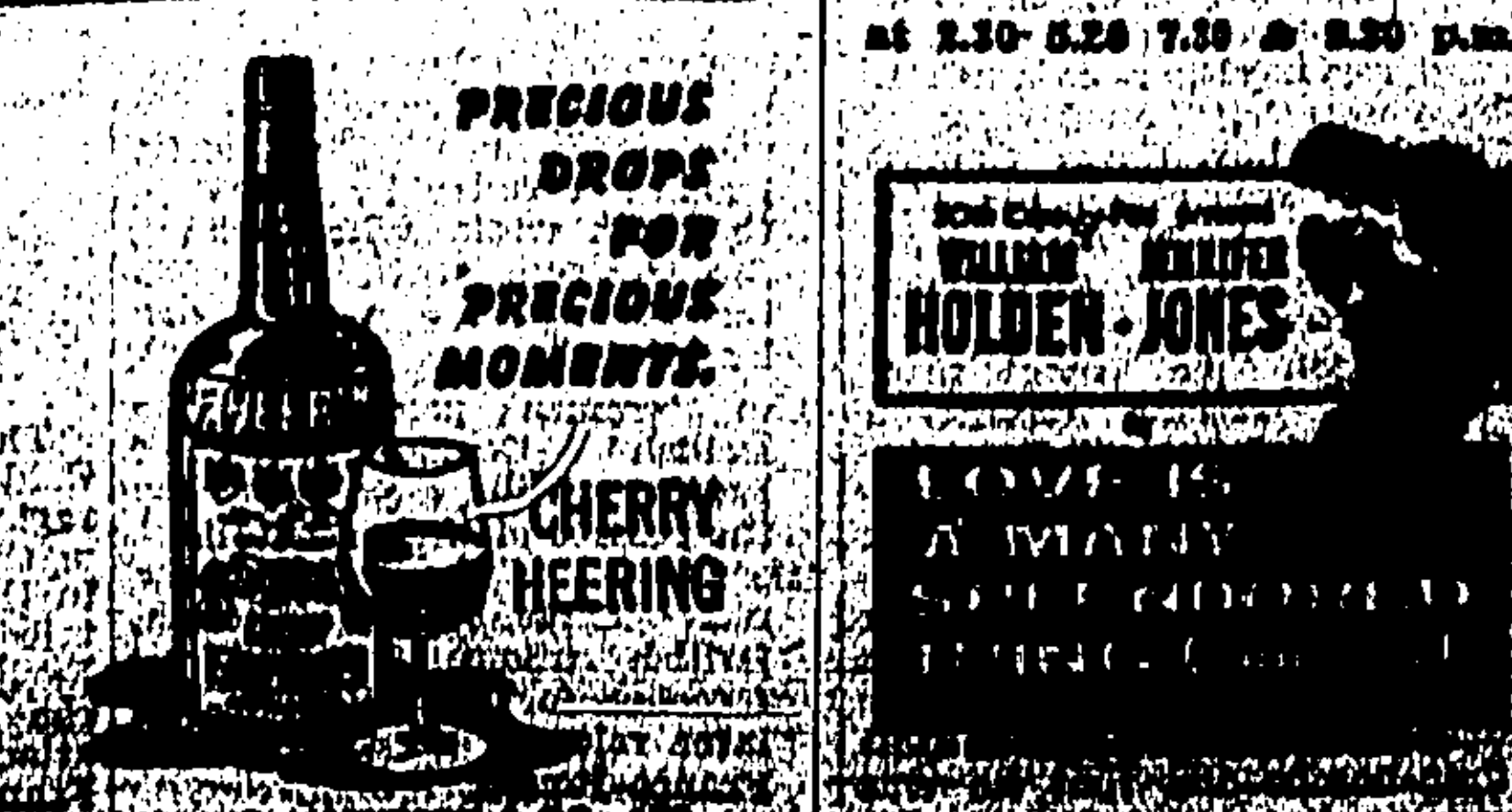
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Russian Leaders Made A Mistake

LORD READING CRITICAL OF BURMA VISIT

London, Dec. 21.

Lord Reading, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said today that top Soviet leaders in their Asian tour "have no doubt done their best not only to set the East against the West but to set the East against the East as well."



Lord Reading

LAOTIAN TROOPS ATTACK

PARIS, Dec. 21. The Communist New China News Agency stated today that Royal Laotian troops have launched "new attacks" against pro-Vietminh Pathet Lao units in Phongsaly province.

On December 10, Royal Laotian troops based on Pounsang attacked Pathet Lao troops in Pounsang, but were forced to withdraw after being surrounded by local militia and guerrilla fighters, the news agency said.

Royal Laotian troops have occupied six strongholds held by the Pathet Lao units since the agreement signed between Laos and Pathet Lao in Bangkok last October.

The news agency stated that recent attacks against Pathet Lao constituted another serious violation of the Geneva agreement on Indo-China and the Rangoon agreement. —France-Press.

He described the visits of Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party Chief, Nikita Khrushchev, to India, Burma and Afghanistan as "this peripatetic in certain Eastern countries."

At the same time, Lord Reading told the House of Lords that the Soviet leaders "scheduled visit to Britain in April was not in any sense a state visit."

Official Capacity

He said an invitation had been extended on behalf of the Government by the Prime Minister to these two Russian leaders to pay a visit in their official capacity to this country.

Lord Reading said he did not think it is true to say that the prestige of this country is steadily deteriorating in Asia. The Russians know better than to accept the sort of stuff which has been served up to them by these travellers in their midst.

He said the Soviet leaders have not yet found out that the people of Asia are neither children nor fools, but men in the world of men. When they find out that they may find a better technique for dealing with them. —France-Press.

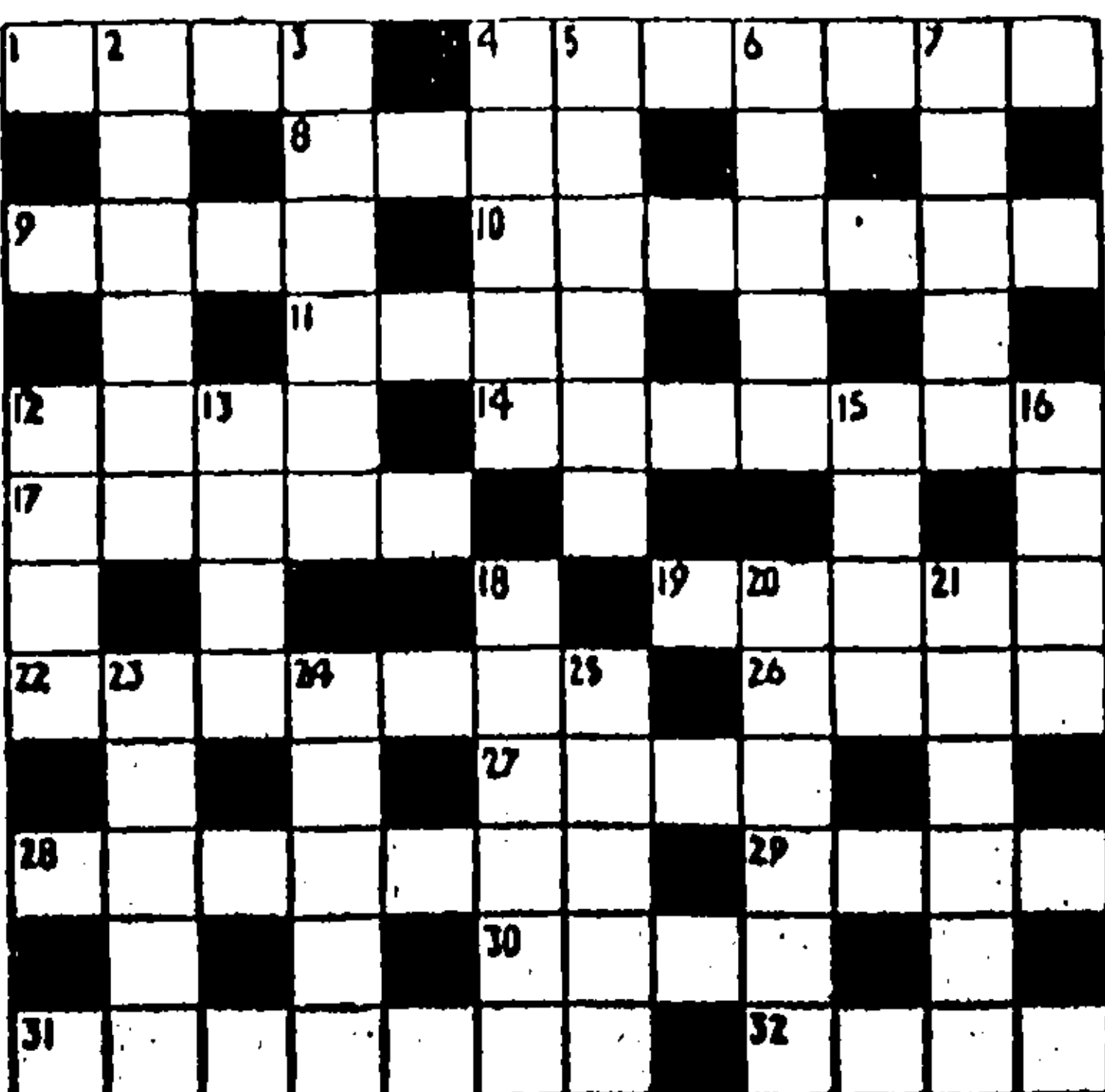
Arms Agreement Ratified

BONN, Dec. 21. The Bonn Parliament today ratified the treaty under which the US will help arm West Germany's new Wehrmacht.

The treaty was approved by the Bundestag (upper house) by an unanimous vote of hands. The first arms deliveries to the West German armed forces were expected to begin in January.

The amount of the first instalment has not been announced but was reported to be about \$3,000,000. —United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



1 Equals ACROSS

- 1 Equips (4).
- 2 Honour (7).
- 3 Highest point (4).
- 4 Tale of heroism (4).
- 5 Abrades (7).
- 6 Scold (4).
- 7 Narrative (4).
- 8 Film (7).
- 9 Dodge (6).
- 10 Fight (6).
- 11 Quiver (7).
- 12 Communist (4).
- 13 Continent (4).
- 14 Shook (7).
- 15 Conceited (4).
- 16 Believe (4).
- 17 Unprepared (7).
- 18 Nozzle (4).

2 Abrogate DOWN

- 1 Abrogate (6).
- 2 Holy (8).
- 3 Repasts (5).
- 4 Surpasses (6).
- 5 Unadorned (6).
- 6 Crinkly material (5).
- 7 Try out (4).
- 8 Enlure (4).
- 9 Terrible (4).
- 10 Knocks (4).
- 11 Delighted (6).
- 12 Cowardly (6).
- 13 Owns (6).
- 14 Mature (6).
- 15 Animal (6).
- 16 Attempt (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Cocker, 5 Bunch, 8 Lemon, 9 Mortal, 10 Timid, 11 Nests, 12 Anon, 13 Loose, 14 Anon, 15 Anon, 16 Dales, 17 Grip, 18 Heads, 19 Tapir, 20 Elder, 21 Mont, 22 Sells, 23 Twenty, 24 Compared, 25 Corporal, 26 Elan, 27 Release, 28 Bottle, 29 Unson, 30 China, 31 Surgeon, 32 Sympathy, 33 Anon, 34 Student, 35 Serial, 36 Abate, 37 Slow.

Fear 15 Die In Austrian Avalanche



As the leader blows his mountain horn, members of one of the rescue teams looking for avalanche victims in the Tauern Mountains 40 miles south of Salzburg press forward in their search. The avalanche, 100 metres broad, fell, burying 15 members of a construction party working 7,000 feet up on the Kaprun Dam.—Express Photo.

Red Antarctic Expedition Nears S. Africa

Cape Town, Dec. 21. The Russian geophysical expedition ship Ob is expected to reach Capetown on Saturday on her way to the Antarctic.

The Ob, 7,400 tons, is carrying 100 scientists, helicopters, prefabricated houses, tractors, dogs and signal gear, which will be used to set up elaborate bases on Kew Coast, Wilkes Land, in the Antarctic.

The Ob is the most modern ship on the Soviet register. She was built in the Netherlands this year, and was specially adapted as headquarters ship for the Russian expedition.

Second Ship

Following the same route as the Ob is the Lena, the second expedition ship, while the Refrigerator November 7 is carrying provisions for the total complement of 350 scientists and sailors.

Three separate observation stations are to be set up for one year which will keep in touch with each other by aircraft and radio.

The expeditions are the Soviet contribution to the International Geophysical Year. —France-Press.

Expedition To Equatorial Africa

Moscow, Dec. 21. The Soviet Union is preparing to send a scientific expedition to Equatorial Africa in connection with the International Geophysical Year, it was announced today.

Mr. A. Bakhariev, secretary of the Tadzhikistan astronomical observatory, said Soviet physicists, geophysicists, meteorologists and other scientists will participate in the expedition.

Meanwhile, a recent meeting of the presidium of the Academy of Sciences decided that Russia's African and Arabic studies were insufficient, and resolved to expand its studies of southern and central African areas, with special attention to history, economy, language and literature. —United Press.

Spies Sentenced To Death

Damascus, Dec. 21. A three-man military tribunal today sentenced to death by firing squad five Arabs on charges of spying and collaboration with the enemy. Two others were sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour.

All of them were reported to have been arrested three months ago while infiltrating the Syrian district of Latakia from Israel. —United Press.

GRASSHOPPER WAR Victoria Wins Total Victory

Melbourne, Dec. 21. THE State government of Victoria announced "total victory" today over a swarm of grasshoppers that invaded 365 square miles.

The battle started last weekend and today the government declared that it had saved crops valued at A £16,000,000.

The State Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Gordon MacArthur, said: "It cost us £250,000 for planes and insecticide to spray the plague area of more than 365 square miles. But it was worth it, we've won."

Stripped Fields

At the weekend, the plague was at its worst and airplanes, chemicals and men were thrown into the battle to wipe out hundreds of millions of grasshoppers devouring wheat and vegetable crops along the lush Murray River Valley.

Clouds of grasshoppers swept along this river border between Victoria and New South Wales, stripping fields, laying waste to gardens and carpeting highways.

Insecticide companies worked overtime to supply vast quantities of chemicals, which were sprayed by aircraft over the afflicted areas.

On the ground, emergency gangs dug ditches and filled them with oil, then built huge fires in the path of the grasshoppers.

In the early stages of the battle, it looked as if the grasshoppers would be too strong.

The task was made more difficult by extreme weather changes in the area when temperatures varied from a little above freezing point to nearly 100 degrees.

At one stage, the grasshopper clouds were within 65 miles of Melbourne. Farmers throughout the State feared they would lose all their crops. But, while the grasshoppers caused several hundred pounds worth of damage, official estimates indicate that the State's total wheat crop, worth £11,000,000, was saved. —United Press.

Communism Must Be Warded Off

Bonn, Dec. 21. West Germany must ward off communism to prevent it from enslaving all of Europe, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said in a year-end report on his government's activity, published here today.

Dr. Adenauer said there is not any contradiction between West Germany's membership in the "free world" and renewal of Soviet-West German relations.

Dr. Adenauer said West Germany remains in the Western camp to ensure its future and its freedom against communism, which he said is "aimed at world conquest."

Under-Estimates

Dr. Adenauer said the West is threatened because it underestimates "the Communist danger" and risks being misled by the Communist "co-existence propaganda."

Dr. Adenauer said the "dramatic" events for West Germany were: 1. Putting in effect of the Paris treaties; 2. Recovery of "German" sovereignty; 3. Soviet-West German negotiations; and 4. The high-level Big-Four conferences held in Geneva. —France-Press.

Didn't Blow Their Horns

Paris, Dec. 21.

A total of 1,664 persons were given summons for having blown their motor car horns in Paris last month, but 66 were ticketed for failure to do so in an emergency, the Municipal Bulletin announced today.

An anti-noise ordinance forbids horn blowing by cars except when an accident appears imminent.

A month's list of misdeeds showed a total of 29,538—mostly for parking on the wrong side of the street, four were issued to motorists "for having splattered mud on pedestrians."

Only seven were liable for drunken driving, and three more for "manifest and public intoxication."

A total of 87 were fined for noisiness at night, and 16 for disturbing the peace with public conduct. —France-Press.

FOREIGN AID SQUANDERED SAYS SENATOR

Washington, Dec. 21. Senator Harry Byrd (Democrat, Virginia) said today that two hundred million dollars in foreign aid funds had been given to Britain to finance a tax cut before the last general election (in May this year).

He told reporters that he had received confirmation of this from Mr. Harold Stassen, former Foreign Aid Administrator.

Senator Byrd said also that one hundred million dollars foreign aid funds had been used to help pay off a Danish debt. He said many billions of dollars had been squandered on foreign aid.

Senator Byrd's attack on foreign aid spending is believed to herald some strong opposition in Congress to the Administration's increased foreign aid programme for next year. —China Mail Special.

Nicosia Bars Guard Against Bombing

Nicosia, Dec. 21.

All shops in Nicosia sold out of chicken-wire today in the aftermath of a military order declaring bars and cabarets out of bounds until windows are covered with wire screening.

Long queues of bar owners, hotel keepers and cabaret proprietors stood in front of shops as they rushed to get the wire and "in bounds" notices.

The order was issued yesterday by the Military Police and the Provost Marshal of the Cyprus District. It declared all places of entertainment out of bounds after flying window glass sliced through 15 diners at the Quagles bar in Nicosia on Saturday.

Guard For Santa

Santa Claus came to Cyprus today, but he had an armed guard and a helicopter with him. Santa (a Royal Air Force chaplain) was greeted by a hundred children of Royal Air Force families when he arrived in Nicosia by helicopter. He distributed presents while a watchful RAF Regiment patrolled the area.

New Order

At the airport today, guards operated under a new order to search all passengers' luggage and turn back well-wishers and those seeing travellers off, after it was reported that more "air-crawlers" were going to Athens than were coming in. —United Press.

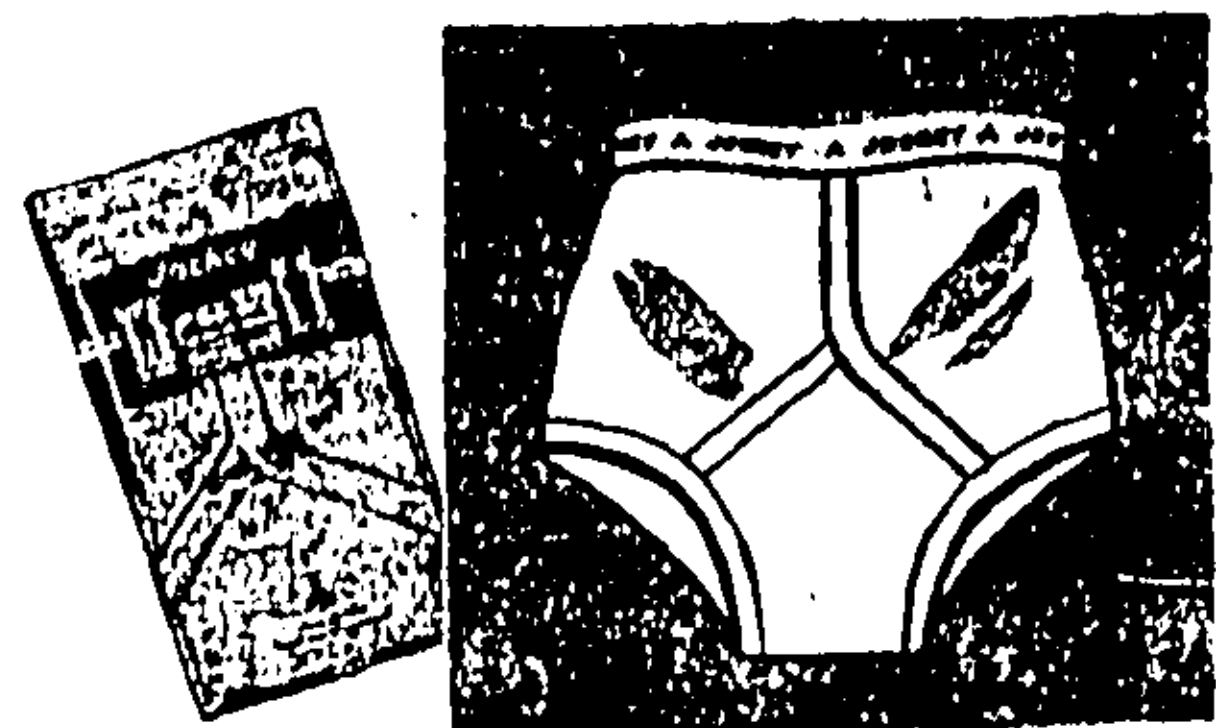
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOURTH RACE MEETING

Tuesday 27th December, 1955 & Monday 2nd January, 1956
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES.
The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race at 12.00 Noon on both days.

The Tiffin Interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member. Each member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.
MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Enclosure.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each per day and \$40.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguiar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 24th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on both days of the Meeting.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th February 1956, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUND MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards
A. B. ARDREY
Secretary

BECK CAPTURES INDIVIDUAL HONOURS IN THREE-DAY CYCLE RACE

By NTACA

"Perhaps the most gruelling test of athletic ability in Colony Sport". That was how Rediffusion's Sports Parade saw the Three-Day Cycle Race, which was held over the week-end on December 16, 17 and 18, three days of fierce, all-out battles for individual and team supremacy.

And the victors? Ron Beck, riding at his brilliant best, captured individual honours from a determined and able John Ellingham, while the REME cycling club repeated their team win of the last event, but with an even wider margin of victory.

Friday 16: This first day's race was a masterful start over the most cruel course in the Colony. Four circuits of the Route 1—Fanning—Route 2 roads, with four climbs up the steep side of the notorious Route 1 hill, 58½ miles of the most punishing riding. And this but the first of three days of effort.

The first lap saw the pattern of the race laid, Beck and Ellingham getting away on the first climb of the "Gap", followed by Templeman, (Essex) and Foster and Dable of the Exiles. Marshall was close behind and soon caught up with the second REME team, to Lunn of the Exiles, Lord and Lunn with Maxwell of the Exiles, and Cowan, (7 Hussars), made contact with this group at 12 miles, only for Lord and Lunn to be dropped just before the start of the second climb.

CHASING GROUP
The two runaways had a lead of two minutes over the chasing group at the end of the first lap, increasing it to nearly three at the top of the hill. Cowan fell back, while Maxwell was again caught, this time to stay for the next lap and a half. The field was now spread out over 11 minutes.

Lap three, and again Beck outprinted Ellingham to the top of the hill, to collect two more points towards the "King of the Mountain" title. Templeman and Foster were still at three minutes, with Dable, Marshall and Bould a further two minutes down. Lunn, Lord and Maxwell were still together, catching up on Cowan, and being slowly overtaken in their turn by Spray, yet another REME boy.

The fourth lap, and Ellingham and Beck had increased their advantage to four minutes. Bould was next, by himself, at another three minutes, while Dable and Marshall had fallen back by three minutes. On the fifth lap, Spray and Lunn made a getaway, leaving Lord to hold Maxwell. Over the last three miles, Beck forced a break from Ellingham, to finish alone in the fine time of 2-53-27, from which was subtracted a bonus of one minute.

Ellingham came in 57 seconds later, to receive 30 seconds reduction in time, while Foster and Templeman rode over the line arm-in-arm, to gain 15 seconds each.

General Classification: (1) Beck, Pegasus CC, 2-52-27. (2) Ellingham REME CC, 2-53-53. (3) Foster, Exiles, and Templeman, Essex, both at 2-59-00.

Saturday 17: The New Territories Road Circuit, 50½ miles of undulating and wind-swept road, was the scene of some magnificent riding, mainly by Beck, who consolidated his position as race leader with a record-breaking performance of 2-18-24, beating by over three minutes the previous best by Jim Gower, the Cynegus CC rider.

Beck was in superb form, riding like a demon to pass one rider after another, just fending by a matter of yards to pass every one in the field. Starting off last man, at 12.30, he caught his two-minute man, Ellingham, after only ten miles, covering the first 24 miles to Kowloon in just over 65 minutes. At 30 miles, he was heartened to see one of his main rivals, Marshall, at the roadside, taking over Lord's cycle as his own was unrideable. Marshall lost approximately five minutes due to this mishap, and his final time of 2-30 was an outstanding performance.

Lord had the doubtful pleasure of propelling the useless machine for the next 18 miles, until his own was brought up to him again, by the simple process of sleeping every mile or less to free the seized bottom bracket. Other good rides of the day were the 2-42-32 of Hazleton, (REME CC); the 2-40-24 of Dable; and the 2-34-26 of Bould, who beat his teammate, Ellingham, by 10 seconds. As a result of this day's racing, the Essex team moved into second place behind REME, whose Bould and Marshall moved up into third and fourth positions respectively.

General Classification: (1) Beck, 5-10-51; (2) Ellingham, 5-28-39; Bould, 5-35-34. Leading

Team: REME CC, 16-40-14. Second Team: Essex CC, 18-23-51.

Sunday 18: The final day's racing should have been a trifle easier than that of the two previous ones. The course, although it included three climbs up Route 1, also included long stretches of flat and fast surface. But the wind played a scurvy trick, and blew with a gusty ferocity against the riders on the hardest stretches.

The obvious policy of both the REME team and of Beck was a "go easy" one, as their respective leads were sufficient to ensure victory. Instead of which, attack was the order of the day.

FIRST CLIMB
From the start the pace was fast and furious, so much so that the field was split in two before the first climb, a matter of only two miles. Once again, Beck and Ellingham were in the van, but this time they were followed by the REME pair, Marshall and Bould, who formed a chasing group which kept clear of the remainder of the field for the rest of the race.

At the start of the second of the three 21 miles laps, there were three separate groups of two riders each. First were Beck and Ellingham, forcing the pace, followed by Bould and Marshall, at four minutes, with Templeman and Maxwell a further two minutes down. Then came four more REME riders, Lord, Spray, Hazleton and Lunn, with the Essex boys Bardsley and Peek, well back with Cock.

Third time up the hill, and once again Beck sprinted to the crest in front of Ellingham, to take the King of the Mountain award. Bould and Marshall were three minutes down, while Templeman and Maxwell had pulled back to within a minute of them. The four REME riders were next over the top, at another five minutes, only for Spray to puncture on the down-hill run, and lose approximately 80 minutes, effecting a reprieve.

At the finishing line Beck outprinted Ellingham to win the third stage, and the race, by 6 seconds, in 3-04-45, less one minute bonus. Marshall and Bould came in five minutes later, to be followed at four minutes by Templeman and Maxwell. A gap of seven minutes, and the REME trio of Lunn, Lord and Hazleton crossed the line, thankful that it was over. Ron Beck's winning aggregate time for the 170 hard miles was 8-14-36. Second man, Ellingham took 8-32-50, and Bould, third place in 8-44-26. Marshall, 8-45-11; Templeman, 8-53-25; and Maxwell, 9-11-30, were next in order.

REME CC won the team race in a canter, their aggregate time of 25-02-27 pushing the Essex CC combine well down in 28-40-45.

George Clegg and Cpl Hoad performed the tasks of Timekeeper and Judge with efficiency and accuracy, while the feeding by the Essex, under the direction of Capt Philcox, was first rate and very much appreciated by all the competitors.

WELL EARNED BEST

Colony cyclists now have a well-earned rest until the first day of the New Year, when the 44 miles Grand Prix Time Trial for the San Miguel Shield is being held. Present holders of the trophy are the 7 Hussars, but they will have to do well to withstand the challenge of the REME and SCAA teams, while the reborn Essex CC must be regarded as a definite danger. Barring accidents, Ron Beck should take individual honours. In fact, on his present form, he appears almost unbeatable in the Colony. It would be interesting to see him in action against some of the top flight British riders. As he is due to return to UK in January, we may see his

name in the cycling magazines next summer.

For the benefit of those who may be interested in cycling sport, full details at the various clubs, associations, events, etc., may be obtained from the Hon. Sec. of the HKCA, Capt. C. R. Lord, RAOC, 11 Inf Wisp, REME, Telephone, Sek Kong 77. The season has still some three months to run, and many exciting events are on the programme. If you want to race, or just to watch, get in touch. We are always glad to meet you.

And while all the "pot hunting" and record breaking continues, let us not forget the "also rans." The important point is not winning, but taking part. Let these sportsmen train hard, enjoy training and do their best in competition, and they will attain a high standard of fitness which is the true prize of athletics.

R. H. PAPE

YESTERDAY'S RUGGER

Club "B" Beat RAF Island

Yesterday evening under the floodlights the Club "B" narrowly overcame RAF Island by 10 points (2 goals) to 5 points (1 goal) in a match which, while it had some scrappy periods, was outstanding for the odd decisions handed down by the referee.

Only the Club's first try should have been scored, for the second one Penman knocked on first, then at the end he did not touch down properly. But the referee was not up with the game and as a result was unsighted.

The RAF's one and only try was a fine one and here the touch judge must take the greater portion of the blame. The winger went into touch ball, body and all by about two feet but the touch judge failed to signal it. The referee was again well upfield and was unsighted.

CRACKING PACE

In spite of the heavy pitch caused by rain the previous day, which suited the Malaysians the game was played at a cracking pace from the whistle to the end.

Malayan Indians swung into top gear from the half-way line and before the fifth minute the visitors were one up when Thillainathan slammed in a picture goal that had Boxall beaten all the way.

This early goal shook Combined Services, but not their fighting spirit. They pulled themselves together and with Good sending in repeated well-placed centres they had T. Nadarajah, the Indians' custodian, on his toes.

Lack of shooting accuracy deprived Combined Services of goals for time and again when their forwards reached the scoring circle they did everything but put the ball into the net. This turned out to be the Services' weakness, which the visiting team took advantage of to draw rings round their defence.

Combined Services had an open chance to score the equaliser in the 23rd minute but Good scooped the ball a foot out when he had only Nadarajah to beat.

By the 27th minute, Malayan Indians had scored their second goal when a solo effort by right-winger Mammothan Sadhi saw him sending in a slant grounder to beat Boxall. The interval came with the score still two-nil in favour of the visitors.

Crossing over, the Combined Services had an attacking spell

and broke through to pass on to Clarke after a 40-yard run. Clarke was caught on the line and forced out. The Club got the ball back and it went out to Addis who with a lovely run broke through to score well out. He then converted his own try 5-0. Just before half time the Almiran scored when MacGarry went over after the ball had been in touch. The kick was converted 5-4.

Three times in the second half the ball went out to MacCallum and he went down the wing with very fast runs, and then kicked ahead but invariably kicked too far, or missed the ball into touch and the RAF cleared.

From the half way line the Club three were sent off an on it was Addis who broke through and passed inside to Penman. The Club got the ball back and went through to touch down but was going so fast that he bounced well out on the ground instead of touching cleanly down.

MACAO HOCKEY

The Macao Hockey Club is sending its "A" and "B" selections to Hongkong for games tomorrow against Hongkong sides.

The "A" team will meet the Malaysian Sikh selection, and the "B" combination will take on a combined team drawn from players of the Hongkong University and the visiting Technical College of Kuala Lumpur.

The Macao "A" selection will have the same players that played against the Hongkong Combined Services team last month in Macao.

In the "B" selection, some former hockey star players will try a comeback.

Both games will be played at Sookumpoo.

Bully-off for the first game will be at 2.30 p.m.

Many Macao hockey enthusiasts will be leaving here for Hongkong to attend the games.—France-Press.

THE PLAY

The Club's handling was much the better, and Roberts, as well as making ground with some useful kicks, was giving a nice service to his backs.

The first score came after ten minutes when on the half the ball hit the post and the Club

YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY COMBINED SERVICES GO DOWN 2-0 TO MALAYAN INDIANS

By "TOUCHWOOD"

A Combined Services second half collapse gave the visiting Malayan Indians team an easy two-nil victory in yesterday's hockey match at Sookumpoo. Up to the interval the struggle had been hard and even although Services were two goals down at half time.

Combined Services played with their traditional fighting spirit and they kept the home supporters happy and thrilled by their indomitable courage.

With a little more luck and less tacking infringements on the part of the visitors, they could have scored an equal number of goals.

Malayan Indians played their own brand of fast, thrustful hockey and were quick to take the opportunities which came their way. Thus they took advantage of two lapses by the Services' defenders to score twice—in the 4th and 33rd minute—by A.I. Thillainathan and Mammothan Sadhi.

Glan Singh, Devendran and T. Lawrence combined well to keep the home defenders worried. It was the good work of Boxall in goal and right-winger Good which kept the visitors' goal scoring efforts frustrated, especially in the second half.

Highlight of the match was the Devendran-Thillainathan partnership in the Malayan Indians' attack. They set a fast pace once the ball was in their possession and only good goal-keeping by the Services' custodian prevented these two from lengthening the Malaysians' two-nil lead.

Services' performances were, to a point disappointing, although they were on a par with the visiting team in defence and attack in the first 15 minutes.

Good, the Services' right-winger who led the attack yesterday, was unaccountably out of his depth. Too often he was offside and even missed a certain goal in the second half.

However, the Services made up with an indefatigable set of defenders. Outstanding were Newmark, Mobbs and goalkeeper Boxall.

Benares, India, Dec. 21. India's team to play New Zealand in the fourth cricket Test beginning in Calcutta on December 30, shows five changes from that which played in the drawn third Test.

The selectors have brought back V. Mankad, P. Roy, D. G. Phadkar and J. M. Ghoshade, and introduced a newcomer to Test cricket, C. T. Patankar, the Bombay University batsman wicketkeeper.

Those left out are Nadkarni, Mehra, Bhandari, Krippl Singh and Tamhane.

The changes should strengthen the batting and bowling. Roy is expected to open the innings with Contractor and Phadkar will probably share the opening attack with Sundaram. The team announced tonight by the President of the Indian Cricket Board of Control is: Umrigar, (Captain), V. Mankad, N. J. Contractor, P. Roy, D. G. Phadkar, J. M. Ghoshade, C. T. Patankar, S. P. Gupta, J. M. Ghoshade, C. T. Patankar, G. Sundaram. Twelfth-man C. V. Gadkari.—Reuter.

Four Filipino Tennis Stars For Saigon

Manila, Dec. 22.

Four top Filipino tennis players will leave for Saigon by air at the end of this month to compete in the South Vietnam Tennis Federation tournament, the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation announced yesterday.

Three of the players are Davis Cuppers. They are Raymond Deyro, Feliciano Ampo and Johnny Jose.

The fourth member of the team is Ruben Escobar, the fifth-ranking Filipino tennis player, who recently defeated the fourth-ranking Amado Sanchez.

The South Vietnam Tennis Federation tournament is scheduled to get underway on January 1.

Deyro recently defeated Ampo to retain his Philippine Tennis Association title of Champion.—France-Press.

HKFC SELECTIONS

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club in league soccer matches against the Royal Air Force at the Club Ground on Saturday:

1st Division v R.A.F. at 3.30 p.m.: Jones, Pinnock, Bishop, Douglas, Armstrong, Flinn, Tolan, Lynch, Mann, Nee, Dunn, McCall, and Division v R.A.F. at 5 p.m.: Pinnock, McLennan, Wray, Reynolds, Phillips, Brackley, Beattie, Douglas, Wray, Mackie, Miller.

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Prospect Of Grand Prix Motor Racing For London

London, Dec. 21. A £7,000,000 exhibition centre, bringing a prospect of Grand Prix motor racing to London, is planned for the Crystal Palace estate in the capital's southern suburbs.

The Crystal Palace, destroyed by fire in 1936, was erected in Hyde Park here for the great exhibition in 1851. It was taken down and re-erected in Sydenham suburb where Queen Victoria opened it in 1854.

Present plans to recreate the old exhibition hall, famous for its thousands of square feet of glass, have been thought up by Sir Gerald Barry, director of the South Bank Festival of Britain Exhibition. They will be considered by a London County Council.

The LCC has already voted £1,750,000 sterling for a youth centre on the old Crystal Palace Cup final ground.

The new centre, national and international in scope, includes development of 100 acres of parkland and extension of the motor race track.—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TOMORROW
Hockey, 4 p.m.
Malayan Indians v. Macao. Soccer, 4 p.m.
Malayan Indians v. CCC at Happy Valley, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

1st Division: Police v. Kwong Wah (8.15 p.m.), all matches at 8.15 p.m.
2nd Division: Police v. Tung Wah (8.15 p.m.), all matches at 8.15 p.m.
3rd Division: Police v. Tung Wah (8.15 p.m.), all matches at 8.15 p.m.
4th Division: Police v. Tung Wah (8.15 p.m.), all matches at 8.15 p.m.
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Joe Louis To Marry Again

New York, Dec. 22. The former World Heavyweight boxing champion, Joe Louis, and Rose Morgan, owner of a beauty salon, took out a marriage licence here yesterday. They intend to wed on Christmas Day.

The former champion said he was very happy that soon he would have someone to come home to in the evenings.

Joe Louis, twice married to his former wife, is 41 years old.

Rose Morgan said she was 42 years old.—France-Press.

JAMES PARK SPOTLIGHTS

3-YEAR-OLDS OF 1956

Rustam Was Problem For The Handicapper

Mr Geoffrey Freer must have been puzzled where to put Rustam in the Free Handicap. The Jockey Club senior handicapper is not afraid to give expression to a personal opinion and that is what he did in the case of Rustam.

When the colt won the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster he had to be ridden out to beat Spen Valley by a length. In the Middle Park Stakes, Edmund and Final Court beat Spen Valley by more than three lengths.

The collateral line has not been accepted at its face value in the Free Handicap. Rustam is placed on the same mark as Final Court, the pair being 11b. below Edmund.

There were two factors to be taken into account. The first was Rustam's unbeaten record. The second that he was found to be coughing after the Champagne Stakes.

NO SPARKLE

There was no sparkle at all about Rustam in the Champagne Stakes. The colt had grown since the previous race and looked a bit leggy. He joined issue readily enough after half a mile and the jockey probably got a shock when the colt did not draw away as might have been expected. The whip had been produced and, though Rustam gained the upper hand, he changed his legs close home. That told he was all out and the time was by no means

Perez Offered Big Purse To Fight Campo

Manila, Dec. 22. The Manila boxing promoter, Mr Manolo Garcia, disclosed last night that he would offer Argentina's World Flyweight Champion, Pascual Perez, a juicy purse to fight challenger Taming Campo here if the fight between Perez and Leo Espinosa scheduled for January 7 does not come through.

Campo and Espinosa, both of the Philippines, are respectively ranked number one and five World Flyweight title contenders.

In the event that the Perez-Espinosa fight is staged and the latter dethrones the Argentine Champion, Mr Garcia said he would offer Espinosa a world title match with Campo here in February.—France-Press.

Hutton's Plaster Jacket Removed

London, Dec. 21. The plaster jacket which Len Hutton, the Yorkshire and England cricketer, has worn for the last three months was removed at three months today. A statement issued on behalf of his specialist, said: "Hutton's back looks satisfactory. We shall wait one or two weeks to see how he progresses, then he will have a further examination."

Hutton, who was out of the game for most of last season with an injured back, said he felt 60 per cent better than he did before he donned the plaster jacket.—France-Press.

Empire Middle And Long Distance Running Standards On The Up

By "RECORDER"

The greatest achievement of the early Australian 1955/56 athletic season was undoubtedly milkman Dave Stephens' great victory at Melbourne last Saturday over the Hungarian wonder runners, Sandor Iharos and Laszlo Tabori. Stephens won the 5,000 Metres race in 14 minutes 7.2 seconds.

The new Australian season has been noteworthy also for fast times at all distances between 800 and 10,000 Metres and while Australia lacks the weight of numbers that makes England the most successful Commonwealth country in athletics, she certainly does not lack the quality.

Stephens and Les Perry are well known. Newcomers Dave Power, Peter Clossely, and Graham Thomas are only beginning to make themselves felt among the Empire's greatest distance runners and Australia will be very much in the race in the distance events at the coming Melbourne Olympic Games.

Improving Australian and South African runners have pushed down the Empire 30th best mark in the 880 Yards from 1:53.8 to 1:53.4, in the Mile from 4:12.0 to 4:10.7, in the Two Miles from 9:11.4 to 9:09.0, in the Three Miles from 14:00.0 to 13:58.0 and in the Six Miles from 30:00.0 to 29:58.4 in comparison with 1954 standards.

There are 20 Empire Miles this year under 4 minutes 10 seconds compared to 20 last year. Least to best 4:10 in South African Athol Jennings who at Port Elizabeth on November 12 ran 4:09.9 behind Werner Lueg of Germany.

South Africa has produced the Empire records in the early months of the new season there. Neville Price cleared 25 feet 10 inches at Johannesburg on December 3 and Stephanus du Plessis threw the discus 175 feet 7 inches at Benoni on October 28.

Two high jumpers are very much in the news. At Colombo on October 29, Nagalam Ethiriveerasingham cleared 6 feet 6 inches for a new Ceylon record and narrowly failed at 6 feet 8 inches. At Brisbane on December 10, Charles Porter, on the eve of his 19th birthday, cleared 6 feet 6½ inches.

On the same day at Ethiriveerasingham a schoolboy, Dharmasiri Attanagoda, raised the Ceylon record in the Hop, Step and Jump to 47 feet 1 inch. Best British Commonwealth and Empire athletic marks in 1955 follow:

100 YARDS DASH

94 Michael Agostini (Trinidad)
95 Charles Williams (Trinidad)
96 Hector Hogan (Australia)
97 Harry Nelson (Canada)
98 Brian Beane (Australia)
99 Jack Farrington (Canada)
100 Edmund Mendicino (S. A.)
101 Edward Adajo (Nigeria)
102 Onogwe (Nigeria)
103 Gerry Bromhead (Australia)
104 Max Evans (Australia)
105 Percy Clarke (Australia)
106 Wesley Perkins (S. Africa)
107 Joseph Levia (Fiji)
108 Roy Sanderson (England)
109 Emory Levia (Fiji)
110 Ivan du Preez (S. Africa)
111 Victor Rogers (Australia)
112 Bill Job (Australia)
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114 Victor Rogers (Australia)
115 Herb Kimpton (Australia)
116 Brian Randall (Australia)
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124 D. G. Simmonds (England)
125 David Roberts (Australia)
126 Adrian Breaker (England)
127 R. Jackson (England)
128 Tan Eng-yoon (Singapore)
129 Peter Lillington (England)
130 George Hills (England)
131 Allard Gordon (Australia)
132 Jack Featherstone (Australia)
133 Roger Burge (Australia)

220 YARDS DASH

211 Harry Nelson (Canada)
212 Michael Agostini (Trinidad)
213 Maurice Rye (N. Zealand)
214 Michael Ruddy (England)
215 Edmund Mendicino (S. A.)
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400 YARDS RUN

401 Graham Wright (S. Africa)
402 J. Goodman (Australia)
403 Jan Vogelmann (S. Africa)
404 Ken Walker (England)
405 R. B. Haskins (N. Zealand)
406 Laird Sloan (Canada)
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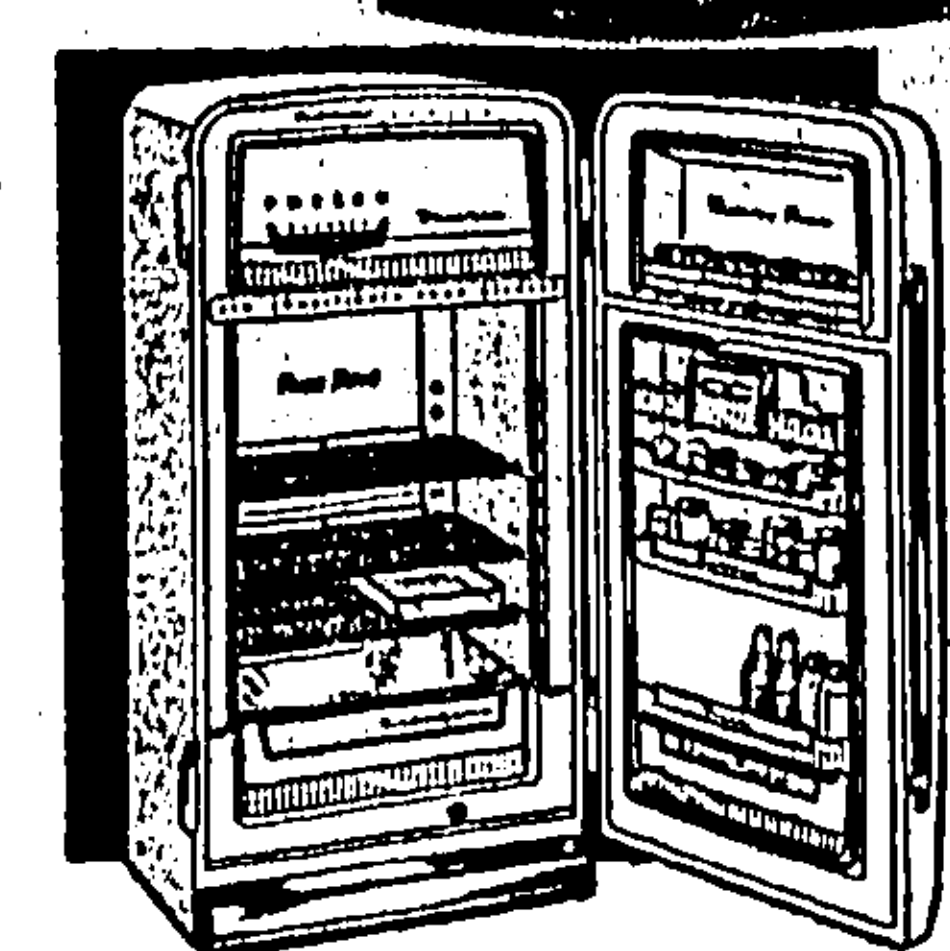
880 YARDS RUN

1406 Brian Hewson (England)
1407 Derek Johnson (England)
1408 Jim Barry (Australia)
1409 Ronald Hargrave (Australia)
1410 Len Macmillan (Australia)
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150 YARDS HURDLES

143 Keith Gardner (Australia)
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FINNS NOW FEEL MASTERS IN THEIR OWN HOUSE

Helsinki, Dec. 21.

The Finns, under Moscow's new co-existence deal, today feel masters in their own house more surely than at any time since the Soviet invasion in 1939.

They believe that they have reached the two goals for national security set up by the President, Mr Juho Paasikivi, when he took office nearly a decade ago in a war-ravaged, dislocated country.

These objectives, known to Finns as "the Paasikivi line", are: at home, democratic, Parliamentary rule; abroad, good relations with all powers, particularly the Soviet Union.

Parliamentary rule has only been threatened once. This was in 1948 under a Communist Minister of the Interior, Mr Yrjö Leino. Parliament found that he had been turning the police force into a "communist-loyal" force of the Communist party, and called for his resignation.

More Difficult

Mr Leino refused to go. So President Paasikivi stepped in and dismissed him. Since that incident, all Finland's democratic parties have always combined to keep Communist out of the Cabinet.

Relations with Russia were a much more difficult and delicate matter. To hold her big neighbour at arm's length, little Finland had to observe a number of taboos. These were defined quite clearly in official Moscow statements, in Soviet propaganda and in inspired speeches by Finland's own Communists.

Chief of these taboos, or "anti-Soviet acts" as the Moscow Government and its agents in Finland called them, were: close ties with the three other Nordic countries, Sweden, Norway and Denmark; as Finland traditionally had before the 1939 invasion, and "revenge" feelings for this invasion and the subsequent hostilities with Russia from 1941 to 1944.

Close ties, even cultural, with Norway and Denmark were banned because these two countries are both members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Sweden was suspect, although neutral, because, to quote the Finnish Communist paper, Vapaa Sana, "military and political reactionaries are working against the policy of neutrality and plotting to throw the country into the jaws of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation."

Parrot Cry

Nor did Soviet and Finnish Communist propaganda like the fact that many Finns looked to Sweden as "the old country" of which they were once part, whereas Russia had so often been "the old enemy."

"Revenge" was the parrot cry whenever the Finns complained of their heavy reparations, of their 400,000 displaced persons, of the crippling effect on their national economy, or of the cession of about one-twelfth of their territory to Russia under the postwar settlements.

They could not even honour their own war dead without incurring the reproach of "revenge." In this atmosphere any attempt to redress some of the anomalies of the settlements with Russia was out of the question.

Then the Soviet Government made one of those shifts of policy which have so often changed the course of Finland's history. In rapid succession the Russians told the Finns that they could:

★ 1. Have back the Pääkkala area, west of Helsinki.

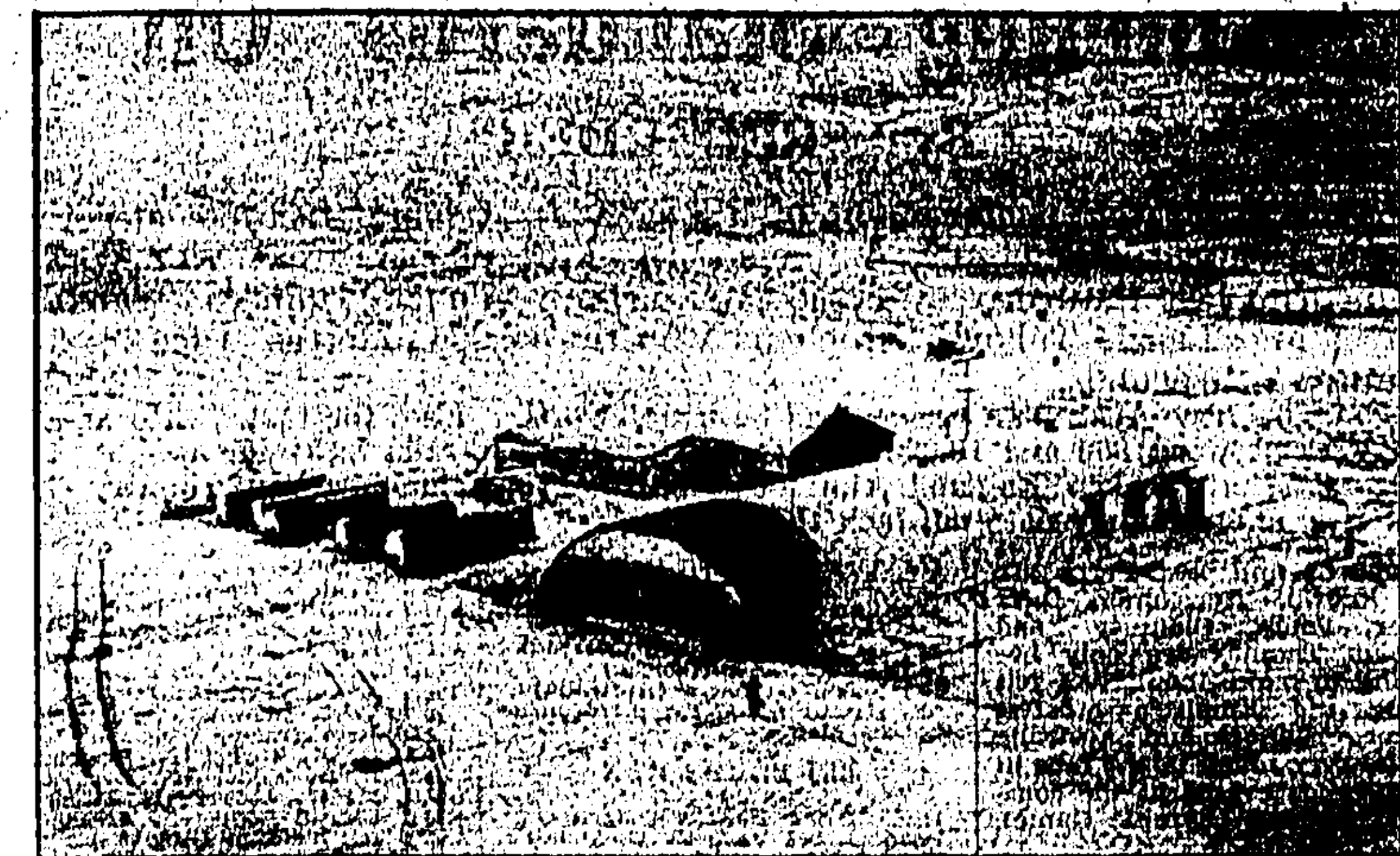
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On Sunday December 23, 1955 all post offices will be closed to public business. There will be one ordinary delivery commencing at 10 a.m.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.

By Surface
Korea, 3 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

By Air
Formosa, Japan, Korea & Okinawa, 10 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Malaya, Mauritius, Portuguese East Africa & S. Africa, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
North Borneo, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kuning, 6 a.m.
France, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 11 a.m.
India-China, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

Taken from the air, this picture shows the headquarters of the Midland Gliding Club in Shropshire where nine glider pilots (two of them girls) were marooned by heavy snowfalls. All roads from the ridge down to the valleys were blocked by snowdrifts, many of them more than six feet deep.—Reuterphoto.

Onassis Agrees To Pay \$7m Settlement

Washington, Dec. 21.
Shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis has agreed to pay \$7,000,000 to the United States Government in settlement of charges against him for the illegal purchase of merchant ships used in World War II, it was disclosed today.

The US Government has agreed to drop the charges against Onassis, a Greek-born Argentinian, and three associates.

A number of Onassis-controlled companies, however, have been fined an aggregate of \$160,000.—France-Press.

Pouched Animal Fossils Found In New Guinea

San Francisco, Dec. 21.

A University of California graduate student, Mr G. D. Woodward, has returned here from the central highlands of New Guinea with facts about fossils which, he claims, will help to fill in a 75,000,000-year gap in knowledge about the ancestors of the Australian kangaroo.

His expedition to New Guinea was undertaken in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a doctorate in paleontology from the University.

He believes that his discoveries, dug up from gold-laden sands of a dry New Guinea lake-bed, will permit a new chapter to be written in the story of how certain forms of animal life have evolved and become distributed over the face of the earth.

Other scientists reject this theory because no marsupials have ever been found in north-east Asia.

Unrelated

They argue that the animals moved to Europe via the Arctic circle, then across India and Iran to the Pacific island chain and into Australia.

The flaw in this theory appears to be the fact that the animals found in the South Pacific appear to be completely unrelated to the European animals.

Scientists are now seeking fossils from the South Pacific and northern Asia which date back somewhere between 5,000,000 and 80,000,000 years. Mr Woodward's find is considered a "start."—China Mail Special.

New Species

Among his finds were remnants of jaws, teeth and limbs of three newly-discovered species, possibly three new genera, of pouched animals (marsupials). He believes that these animals, about five feet tall and weighing nearly 200 lbs, roamed the uplands of New Guinea some 10,000,000 years ago.

Two years ago, Mr Woodward was a member of a University of California expedition which discovered fossil remains of Australian marsupials dating back 5,000,000 years.

He thinks that his New Guinea discoveries may help to solve the mystery of how the ancestors of present-day kangaroos and opossums reached the South Pacific island in the first place.

Current theory is that the first marsupials appeared on earth at least 125,000,000 years ago. They inhabited north America first and then spread to other parts of the world.

Then, some paleontologists believe, the animals migrated from North America into Asia through

Self-styled Bishop Walking To Bethlehem

Bagdad, Dec. 21.

Bishop Homer A. Tomlinson, United States citizen and self-proclaimed General Overseer of the "Church of God" and the "King of all Nations," who is travelling third class from the United States through Europe, Turkey and Iraq, is now on the last lap of his journey to the Holy Land.

Carrying a robe made by his Chinese followers, his gold-plated crown and the flag of the "Holy Nation," he left Bagdad for Khanaqin for the Persian border, whence he intended to walk along the route taken by the Three Wise Men (the three Kings) to Bethlehem.

His route appears also to be that taken by Abraham when he left Ur of the Chaldees to take possession of the Holy Land.

"I intend to enter Old Jerusalem and Bethlehem on foot, seeking to demonstrate the story of the Wise Men from the East, often called the 'Three Kings of the Orient,' he told a correspondent here. 'In Bethlehem I shall hold a Christmas service for all the Nations of whom I am King and end my pilgrimage to the Holy Land.'

Holy Nation

"I am going to set up the Church of God as a 'Holy Nation' on 330 square miles which the Church of God acquired by deed from the Druz tribes in Syria in 1923.

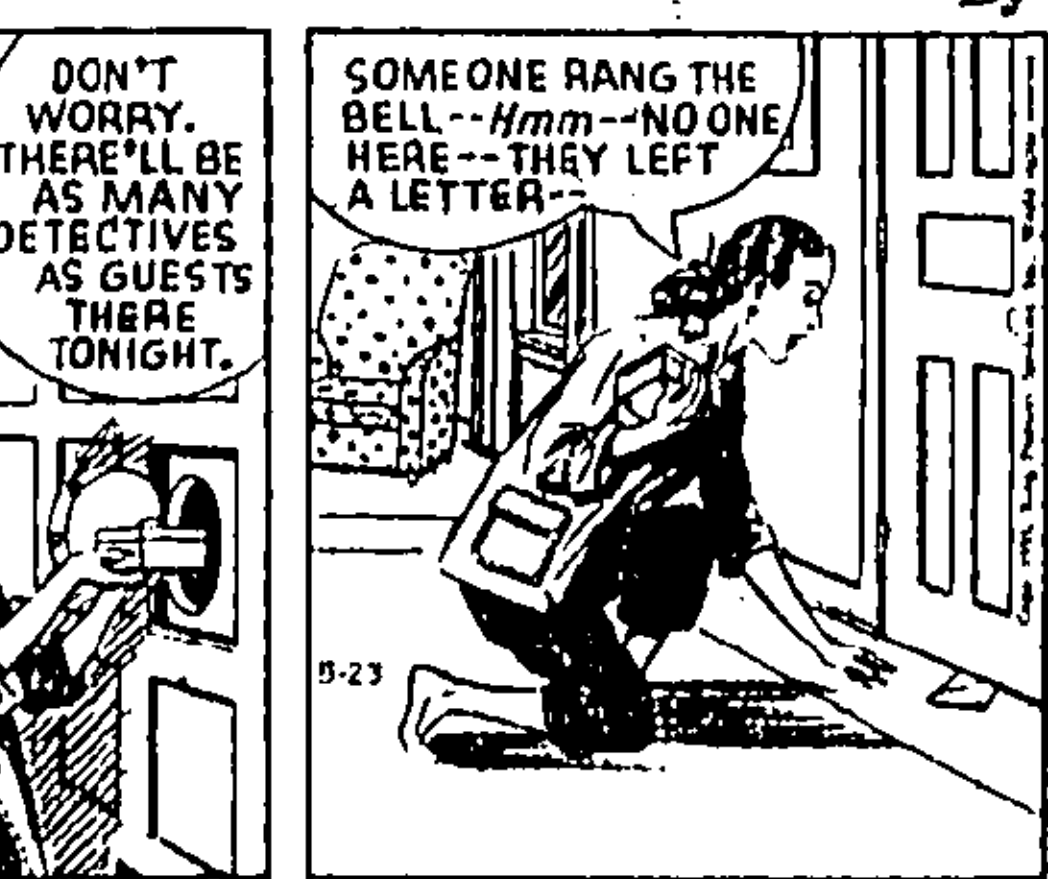
There the Church will attempt to rebuild eleven former cities and populate them again.

It will also cultivate the land again, for teams of geologists whom we have sent to the area in the past few years found that, by drilling down 3,000 feet, we can get plenty of water in various places for both drinking and irrigation purposes.

"The area is situated about 100 miles east of the Sea of Galilee, between Syria and Jordan, and my task will include its exploration in the hope of settling up the 'Holy Nation' as an independent country some time during the coming year. I also intend to visit 'Armageddon,' the 'Ancient Battle City,' which will be rebuilt as the capital of the new country. The Church of God has decided to name the new nation 'ECCLERIA'."

Bishop Tomlinson said his followers believe that the entire area from the Euphrates to the Mediterranean is the original Garden of Eden. He is taking with him a quantity of "truth seeds" which he will sow in "Eccleria" as a token from the followers of the Church of God. —London Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



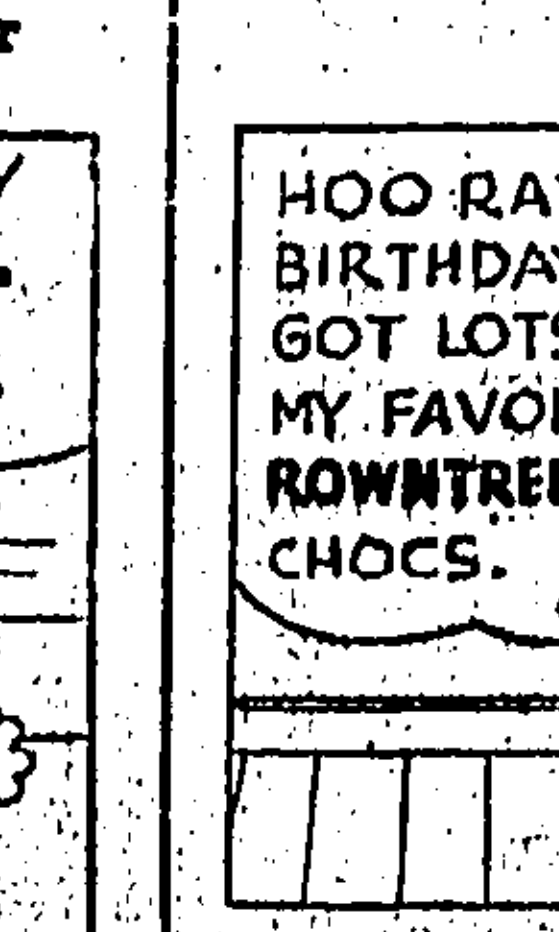
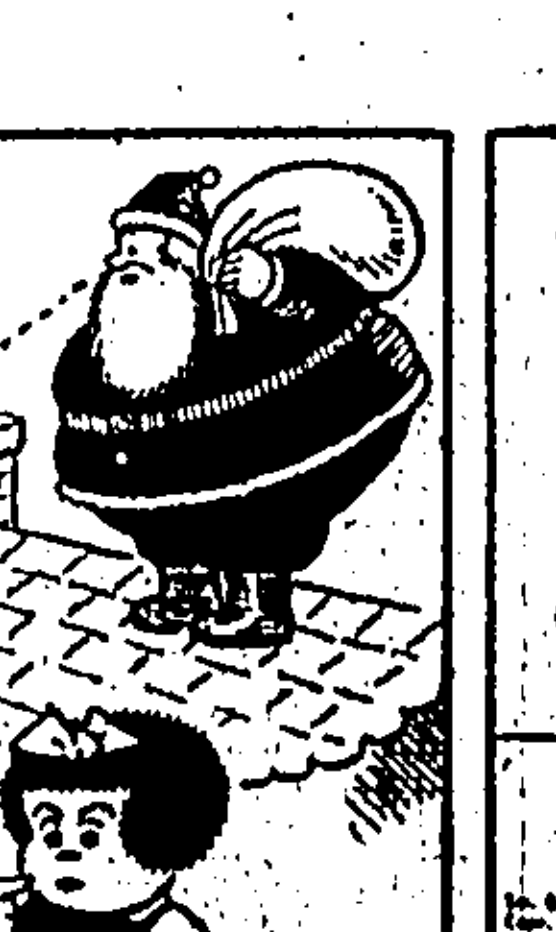
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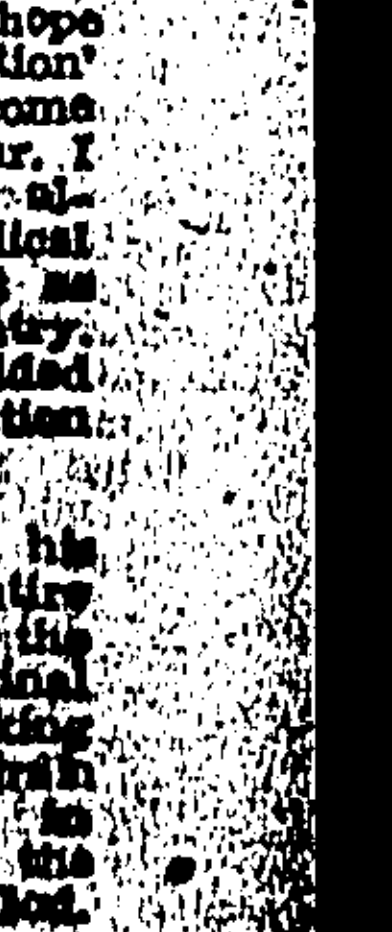
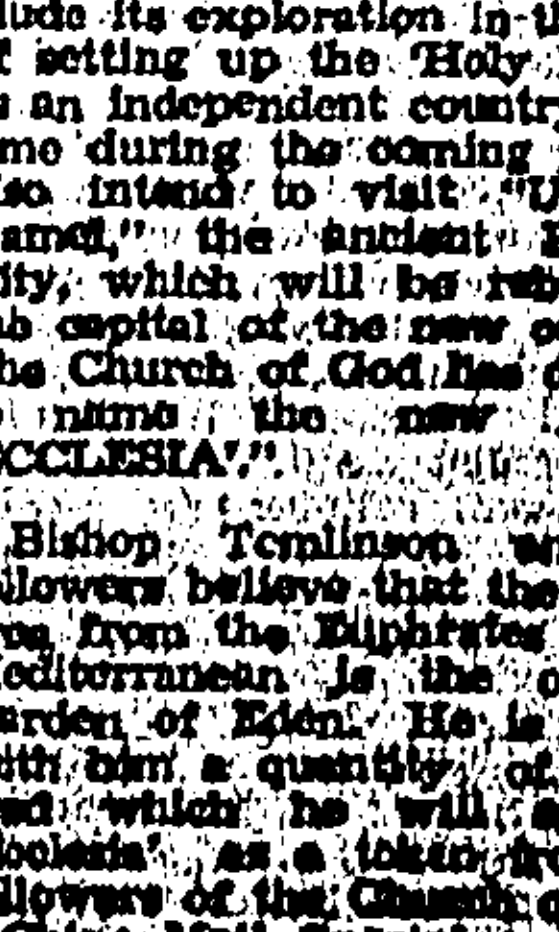
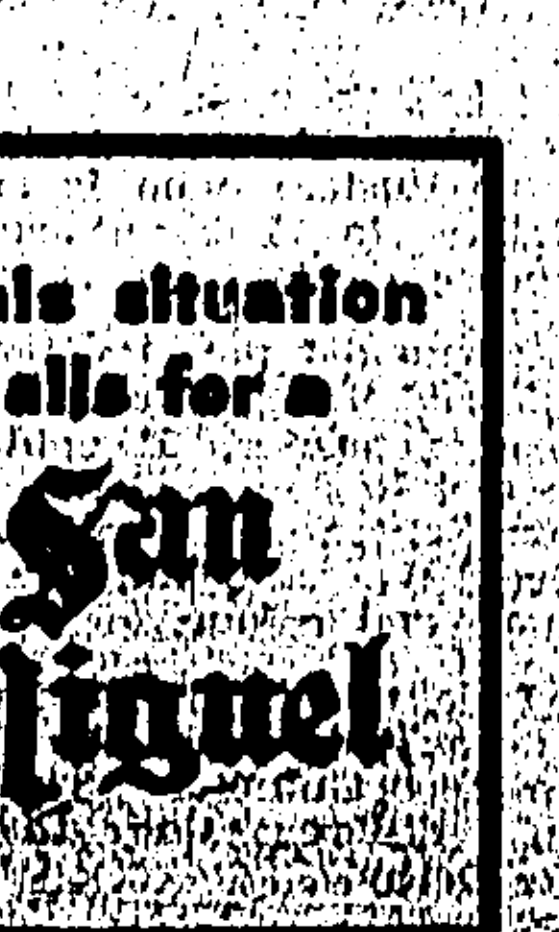
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Are Colonies Good Business For Mother Countries?

By John Morka

New York, Dec. 21.

Do colonies pay off?

The question as to whether the acquisition of colonies had been, after all, good business for the mother countries is tackled anew by authors W. S. and E. S. Woytinsky, in their 907-page study released today: "World Commerce and Governments," (Twentieth Century Fund, publishers. Price \$10).

"Historical experience fails to give a yes-or-no answer to the ultimate economic value of colonies, they say.

In the 16th Century, Colonies did not stimulate economically either Spain or Portugal. At a time of colonial expansion of their empires, both countries were losing ground economically and politically.

And Great Britain was not appreciably affected by the loss of its American colonies, the authors argue.

The United States on the other hand, reached its high level of economic progress with negligible colonial possessions. Nor did Germany rise and fall with its fortunes in colonial possessions.

Negative Result

"In appraising the value of colonies for mother countries, these criteria are frequently used. A colony is rated as an outlet for overpopulation, as a source of raw materials and as a market for exports and capital investment.

"The first yields a negative result. It is doubtful whether emigration has ever relieved the pressure of overpopulation in a country. Colonies have only absorbed a very small part of emigration from colonial powers—hardly more than 3-4 per cent—and it is obvious that their role as a safety valve for overpopulation has been negligible.

"The result of the raw material and market tests appear positive but not wholly conclusive. Even under an open-door policy, a colonial power has definite advantages in selling its products, buying raw materials and investing capital in colonies. "More important is the flow of capital again to the inhabitants of the colonial power. As a rule a large part of these gains flows back to the mother country and is spent there, stimulating domestic industries."

Only A Few

However, the authors argue this consideration does not solve the problem. They suggest that a colony's net return to the metropolitan country should be measured by the excess of profits and wages earned by metropolitan capital and labour in the colony over the profits and wages they could have earned elsewhere—at home, in foreign countries or foreign colonies.

"When the economic return from colonies is measured in this way, it appears that only a few, such as the Netherlands Indies, the Belgian Congo, Malaya and perhaps India in certain periods, have brought substantial profits to the metropolitan countries. The net gain from most colonies have been uncertain and probably not very large in comparison with the role colonies have played in world politics."

As to the form the new colonies will take, the authors suggest:

"When emancipated colonial peoples have a fair chance to develop economically and culturally as free nations, they will probably try to mould their economic life in forms other than those which have been forced upon them. They will not let their economy be merely supplementary to that of the mother country. Their main effort will probably be directed toward developing farming and industry for domestic consumption. Political decentralization is likely to be followed by decentralization of the economic system. The general trend will presumably be toward a more diversified and better integrated economy; practically, toward a larger extent of self-sufficiency."

Pay More

Industrial nations will have to pay more for products of the former colonial areas, the

WORLD COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 21.

Cotton futures today held steady in an exceptionally quiet market.

In the absence of selling pressure, contracts edged forward on routine domestic mill buying and scattered covering as traders looked ahead to the Christmas holiday weekend.

Closing on a rally, with the July contract leading, the list finished 13 to 32 points higher. Opening prices were up 8 to 10 points. New Orleans closed up 10 to 28 points.

Textile market inactively, plus the disposition to await the reconvening of Congress, and commencement of the government's cotton surplus disposal operation after the new year, all acted to smother market interest.

The certificated stock declined 95 bales overnight to 18,833 bales. Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
March	11,700	423,000
May	12,000	343,000
July	8,500	240,000
Oct.	4,100	107,000
Dec.	2,200	127,400
Mar.	2,300	49,000
May	800	15,000
Total	43,100	1,502,000 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Month	Price
March	33.10
May	33.25
July	33.70
Oct.	34.00
Dec.	34.25
Mar.	34.50
May	34.75

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Month	Price
March	33.50
May	33.65
July	34.10
Oct.	34.40
Dec.	34.65
Mar.	34.90
May	35.15

LIVERPOOL

Futures closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Prices closed in rupees per	
maund as follows:	
4-F Punjab roller gln	72
289 F Sind roller gln	81
289 F Punjab roller gln	87
saw gln	89/8
—United Press.	

